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Application No. : 10/009,083
Applicant(s) : George Endel Deckner, et al.
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ELECTION IN RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT
WITH TRAVERSAL

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Election of Species Requirement dated December 3, 2003.

REMARKS

Claims 1-37 are pending in the present application. The Office action states that the claims are directed to more than one species of the generic invention. The Office Action states that the species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are so linked as to form a single general invention concept under PCT Rule 13.1. The Office Actions states the species are as follows: Claim 1 is drawn to an absorbent article comprising a body contacting surface and an absorbent core, wherein (1) at least a portion of the body contacting surface and (2) the skin care